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SUBJ: TOURISM: TRIP FOR YOUNG ITALIAN JOURNALISTS

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1. AMERICAN EXPRESS HAS NOW SUPPLIED US WITH LIST OF 32 FIRM RESEVATIONS FOR SUBJECT TRIP. NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS APPEAR BELOW.

2. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO REQUESTS OF GROUP TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL AND WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING:

A) THIS IS NOT A USG-SPONSORED OR PROGRAMMED TRIP AND DOES NOT COME UNDER ANY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

B) THE GROUP SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, MEET SENIOR JOURNALISTS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST.

C) BESIDES THE ONE SENATOR AND ONE CONGRESSMAN THE GROUP WANTS
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TO MEET, WE SUGGEST THEY BE EXPOSED TO A MORE BALANCED MIXTURE

OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, PARTICULARLY YOUNG MEMBERS WHO ARE SOPHISTICATED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FOLLOWING:

TRIGGIANI (ADN-KRONOS); MAZZETTI (FREE-LANCE)
AND WIFE; MRS. SCODRO (ANSA); COLAVITA (ITALIA) AND WIFE;
CANTINI (ITALIA); COLAVOLPE (RAI); SERAFINI
(TEMPO); PINTUS (FREE LANCE); CATITTI (GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO);
WIFE, AND 20-YEAR-OLD SON; AVELLINO (GIORNI-VIE NUOVE) AND WIFE;
SANTARELLI (ANSA) AND WIFE; AVER (PAESE SERA);
WIFE, AND CHILD; GIANNELLI (AVANTI) AND WIFE; MATTONE (IL
LAVORO NUOVO) AND WIFE; COLLETTA (RAI); FALUCI (FREE-LANCE)
AND WIFE; CAPITANI (ANSA) AND WIFE; GABOTTO (HEAD PRESS OFFICE,
ALITALIA); PADOVANI (ANSA) AND SON.

(DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT AVER AND AVELLINO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR
VISAS BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNIST CONTROLLED OR
ORIENTED MEDIA. WAIVERS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED.)

4. PINTUS IS FORMER UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AND EX-DC PARLIAMENTARIAN.

5. NEED REPLY BY COB APRIL 8 ON PROGRAM ASSISTANCE USG CAN
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